

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To renew all things in Christ”

Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends: It's that time of year when the cold wind blows in along with the latest front and it is enough to chill to the bone. Strangely, I like cold weather. Maybe it is because I associate it with quiet moments and prayerful introspection, since it forces me to stay inside more than usual. The low temperatures of late remind me of the days when I went on retreat in Grand Coteau, Louisiana while I was still in the seminary. We always went when it was “big coat” weather in January. It was perfect for listening to the Lord.

The retreats at Grand Coteau were silent retreats. We spent eight days in complete silence, uttering no word to anyone except to a spiritual director for an hour daily. As much as I like my quiet time, I assure you it is not easy to stay silent for that long! Even so, it was the ideal condition to be free of distraction in order to hear the Lord calling.

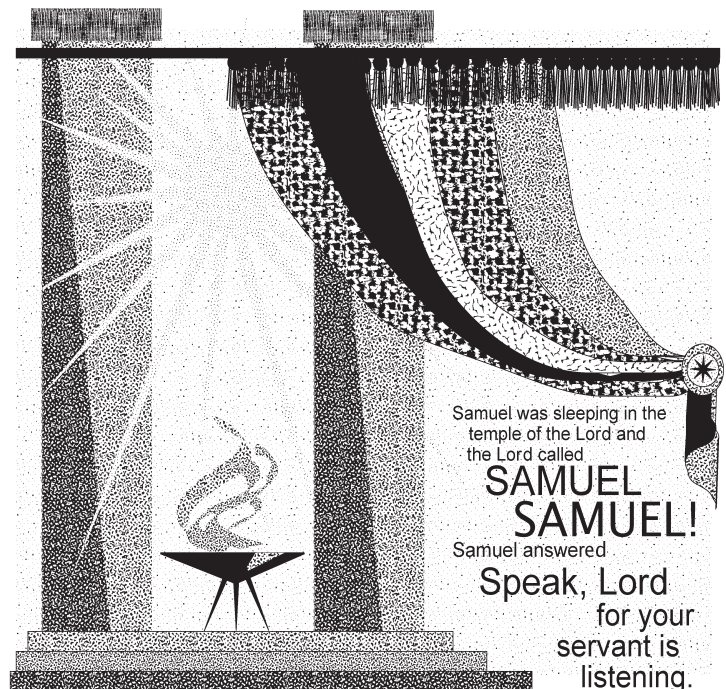
Each day, I would bundle up and venture out for long walks through oak alleyways, above ground tombs, and rolling meadows. These little excursions out in the cold, fresh air brought a little respite from the pinging of the old-style radiators that heated our rooms. The walks also seemed to open up my spirit to the promptings of God down in the seat of my soul.

Sometimes, we need to break free of the routine and enter into the stillness to hear the voice of God. So much of the time, we go about our relationship with God merely knowing about him, but never really entering into a personal relationship with Him. When we want to discover God, so often we try to accomplish this by reading what others say about Him, studying what others have written about Him, or by simply going to church on Sundays. None of these things are wrong. All of them are good things to do. But, do we ever really penetrate into the depths of a personal relationship with Him? Do we ever really free ourselves of distraction so that we can enter into the home that he has made in our hearts?

Some of the most profound and personal experiences that I have ever had of God were on those silent retreats where I was compelled to focus my attention on Him and only Him – when I was free from distraction. In a sense, those retreats led me to immerse myself in God - to reside with Him and to let go of all of my daily concerns.

In the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist points the way to Christ, saying, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Two disciples heard him and turned to follow Jesus. In turn, they asked Jesus, “where are you staying?” In other words, they wanted to know where Jesus resided – where he lived. What they were really asking is, “We want to find out what you are all about. We want to live in your “home” and discover who you really are.”

Each of us has a longing that lies at the core of our being that wants to KNOW Jesus. We don't just want to know about Him. We want



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to know Him! The Lord is extending an invitation to each of us, just as he did to the disciples, to enter into a relationship with Him and to come to know Him. If we want to accept that invitation, we need to reside where He resides. In other words, we need to move out of our ordinary existence and move into the place where the Lord lives in our hearts. That requires us to seek reconciliation so that we can be free of any obstacles, reduce the distractions, so that we can focus on Him, and let go of control, so that He can reveal Himself to us. I encourage you to say "yes" to the Lord's invitation. Let us ask, "where are you staying?" Then, listen for Him to say, "Come, and you will see." God bless!



May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of parishioner John Richard Janos who passed away at Kindred hospital on 12/27/2011.

Please remember in your prayers Daniel Alvarado, brother of parishioner Yolanda Ramos, who was laid to rest this past Tuesday here in Corpus Christi.

Men's Club

The Men's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, January 17, in the Parish Hall. The meal will begin at 6:30pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm. We will discuss this year's projects and a workday scheduled for Saturday, January 21. Dues are due at this meeting. For questions, please contact Randy Sykora @ 960-3220.

New Parishioners

Please welcome Gilbert & Anissa Hernandez & family; Jennifer Kolle & family; Steve & Ondrea Tarske & family; Celia Alatorre.

Friendship Circle

We will meet this Wednesday at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall. Each person is asked to bring a photo (framed or otherwise) of an ancestor. Some sharing will be done, since it is near time for the Chinese New Year, and honoring the ancestors is significant to them and to us.

St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee Meeting

Calling all St. Pius X Leprechauns! On Sunday, January 22 the first

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: *Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*
Marriages: *By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

Weddings *take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM*

Baptismal Instruction: *Pre-register through the office.*

Anointing of the Sick: *On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

meeting for the St. Patrick's Day Irish Brunch and Festival committee will meet in the Parish Hall at 1:30pm. If anyone would like to join our committee, please call Maxine Sommers at 814-8814.

Stewardship of Treasure Pledge Results

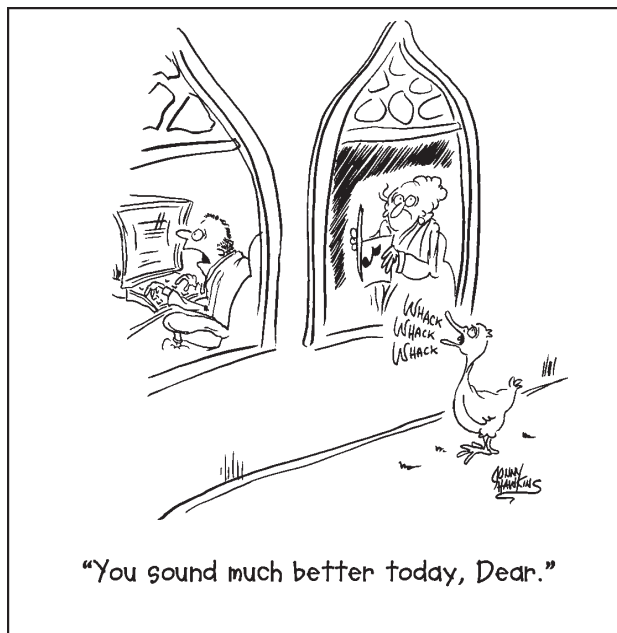
We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Stewardship of Treasure effort during the month of November 2011. Pledges were made for the regular Sunday contributions throughout the year. Below is a snapshot of the results:

Number of families in parish: 1476
 Number of families that pledged: 268
 Total in pledges: \$683,582.00

If you would still like to make a pledge for your weekly Sunday offering, pledge cards are available in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office. Don't forget! We have online giving available for those who would like to make their weekly offerings online! Thanks again!

Mother Teresa Shelter

Collection of breakfast items for the Mother Teresa Shelter are continuing. Please leave donations in the box in church or at the parish office. Cereal, cream, eggs, little smoked sausages, paper goods including paper bowls, plastic cutlery. Thank you for your generosity.



Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, January 15

8:30AM RCIA – CC#2
 1:30PM – Baptisms – CH
 6:30PM – Life Teen - YC

Monday, January 16

OFFICE CLOSED
 5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#2
 7:00-9:00PM – Bible Study – PH
 7:00PM – Scouts - Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 17

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
 2:00-4:00PM – Bible Study – CC#2
 6:30PM – Men's Club - PH

Wednesday, January 18

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
 9:00AM – 2:00PM – MAP – CC#1
 9:30AM – Schola – C/R
 3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R
 4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – Alhambra - PH

6:30PM – EDGE – YC

6:30PM – CCD - CC#1&2, Cafeteria

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, January 19

10:00AM – Priests' Pension Board - R
 1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
 6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
 7:00PM – Adoration - CH
 7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, January 20

9:00-11:00AM – Women's Study Group – CC#2

Saturday, January 21

11:00AM – Baptism – CH

Sunday, January 22

Sale of BBQ Chicken

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

1:30PM – St. Patrick's Day Festival Com. – PH

3:30-5:00PM – Trip Meeting – CC#1

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2

6:30PM – LIFE TEEN - YC

YOUTH CORNER



Edge – ALL 6th-8th grade, Join us for the Edge on Wednesdays from 6:30-8PM. "Faith Life A Child", middle school retreat has been postponed to February 25-26.

Life Teen – ALL 9th-12th grade teens, join us for Life Teen on Sundays from 6:30-8:30PM.

Altar Servers Jan. 21 & 22

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Tessa Heines
Matthew Leal
Blaine Buchanan
Kraig Bray



Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Andrew Shull
MC Toby Shull
Tori Shull

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Sara Rucker
Ranger Quintero
Lauren Cook

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Ryan Trevino
Joshua Harney
Natalie Trevino
Jordyn Harney
Daniel Tindall

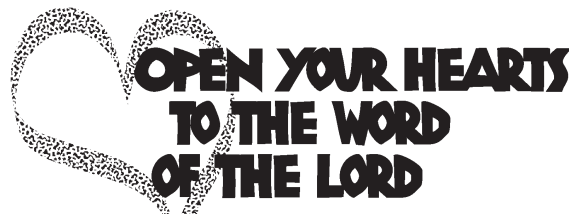
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Alex Rossi
Franceska Alvarado
Millicent Alvarado

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT for parents and children is scheduled for January 28th, 2012. You will be getting information concerning time and place on a flyer next week. Please make sure you check with your child's teacher for the flyer. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be administered to those preparing for it on February 8th at 6:30 in the Church. Please mark these two important dates on your calendar. Parents are required to attend both events with their children.



CONFIRMATION II CLASS WILL NOT MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH. Make sure you have your homework for the next week.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Announcing the Final Leg of the Great Adventure!

Monday Sessions, 7-9PM in CC-2
January 16—Session 19

Tuesday Sessions, 2-4PM, CC-2
January 17—Session 19



Lectors

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JAN 21	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutchon
JAN 21	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Kendrea Justice
JAN 22	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
JAN 22	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
JAN 22	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Richard Arizmendi
JAN 22	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Theresa Arizmendi
JAN 22	SUN	12:00	NOON	Isabel Lopez
JAN 22	SUN	12:00	NOON	Mary Scott
JAN 22	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Reagan Johnson
JAN 22	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz

Hear the Word  of the LORD

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

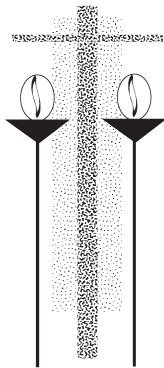


The past week was an exciting one for our 5th grade students. On Thursday, they had their first Starbase Atlantis class at the Naval Air Station. It was an all day class that had them working and learning within the first 15 minutes of their arrival. The purpose of the program is to get kids excited and interested in learning about science and math. With all of the fun hands-on experiments and activities the teachers provide, it's no wonder this program is such a big hit with the children. You can bet that they will be ready to go back to their second session in a couple of weeks!

Also on Thursday, tryouts were held for our Talent Show that will take place on January 31. There were singers, dancers, acrobats, pianists, and comedians who waited their turn to perform. The talent show is one of many activities that will take place during National Catholic Schools Week. We will also have a parade, a spelling bee, a book character dress up day, college t-shirt day, crazy hat day, an Open House, a book fair, and a basketball game between the parents and the 6th graders. It will be a fun week for sure.

This coming week we will have Monday off for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. When we return, the teachers in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades will hold their classroom spelling bees. The top ten spellers in each of these grade levels will represent their class in the school spelling bee on February 2. The top winner from the school spelling bee will advance to the Caller Times Regional Spelling Bee on February 25. The winner of that bee will represent our region in Washington D.C. in March.

Personnel and students from Bishop Garriga Middle School will visit our 6th graders on Thursday, January 19, to inform them about their school. Incarnate Word Middle School personnel and students have already made their visit to our school before Christmas. It's always good to



see our former students when they visit. They are all doing well in their new schools.

We will be holding an Open House on February 3, 2012, for anyone interested in learning more about our Blue Ribbon School. Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 school year will take place the next week after the Open House. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child(ren) in our school, please send them our way. We would be happy to answer any questions they might have and give them a tour of our school. Have a blessed week!



"Of course we got your résumé.
We get everyone's résumé."

Financial Report for week ending 1/8/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday 2011 End of Year Donations\$ 1,810.00
 Sunday 1/1/2012 Collection\$22,247.18
 Other Income\$ 400.00
Total Operating Revenue\$ 24,457.18

LESS: Week of 1/9/2012 Actual

Operating Expenses.....\$ 18,525.17
 (Includes weekly Diocesan loan payment,
 monthly Diocesan P&C Insurance payment
 and monthly Diocesan Priest's Pension Plan
 payment.)

SURPLUS FOR WEEK.....\$ 5,932.01

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$ 40.00
 Catholic Charities.....\$ 10.00
 Respect Life\$ 10.00
 Church in Latin America.....\$ 25.00
 Retired Religious.....\$ 800.00
Total Other Contributions.....\$ 885.00

Total Contributions 1/8/2012\$ 25,342.18



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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 1/14 5:30PM Dora Almendarez Annv. by Boyd, Swoboda and Almendarez families
- Sun. 1/15 8:00AM Bobbie Nash Hardcastle by Bernadette Hardcastle & Cammy Mikulencak
10:00AM Emil Habeeb by Camille & Family
12:00PM Robert Conwell by Marguerite Stuchel
5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 1/16 8:15AM Vocations in Memory of Jane Tisdale
- Tue. 1/17 8:15AM Vocations in Memory of Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
- Wed. 1/18 8:15AM Vernelle Brannigan by Gary & Kathy Clark
Joe Bilka by Peter & Joanne Volpe
Ralph M. Reyna by Sonny & Cassie Wheeler
Rosemary Little's Anniversary by Barbara Little
5:30PM Sandra Sykora by Bob & Gennie Malott
Barbara Doyle by Lory Moore
Alice Sosa by Coastal Bend Assoc. Health Underwriters
Mitzi Mendleski by Joseph & Frances Abel
- Thu. 1/19 8:15AM Marcos, Jr., Raul & Horacio Laurel by Elva Z. Laurel
- Fri. 1/20 8:15AM Juan Guerrero Annv. by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families
5:30PM Agnes B. Fox by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
- Sat. 1/21 5:30PM Buddy Moore by Lory Moore
Jose E. Salinas by Beatriz A. Salinas & Family
- Sun. 1/22 8:00AM Gregorio Jr. & Gregorio III by Elva Z. Laurel
10:00AM For the Parishioners
12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
5:30PM Margaret & Reno De La Garza by Maria Rodarte



Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Fred Alanis, Mabel Allen, Ulie Alvarado, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Hazel Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexzandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Tricia Carson, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaish, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Bertha Dominguez, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Tommy Groner, Illuminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Evelyn Lane, Emma Lane (child), Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Randall Lovelace, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Dorothy Meehleib, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Rey Ramos, Judy West Razor, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Regina Richter, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Terry Schacherl, Terry Schacherl, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Liz Sefcik, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C. Sheldon, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Bill Traeger, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Mary Jo Williams, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Jim Yaklin, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.